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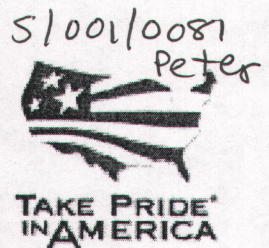
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May 23, 2016

DECISION

Mr. John Heintzig
Operations Manager
Star Mountain Resources
8307 Shaffer Parkway Suite #201
Littleton, CO 80217

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43 CFR 3809.300(d)

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Dear Mr. Heintzig:

Through letter dated March 11, 2014, this office conditionally authorized Bolcan Mining Corporation - now controlled by Star Mountain Resources - to conduct notice-level exploration activities on BLM managed land as part of the White Mine project, Beaver County, Utah. The notice proposed the removal of a bulk sample, of 1,000 tons or less, from the waste dump at the site for off-site testing and extraction of alleged base and precious metal content. The project work was conditionally approved subject to the submission, approval and completion of a cultural resource treatment plan as well as the posting of a \$9,400 reclamation bond. Neither the treatment plan nor the bond was ever received and, to date, no notice-level work has been undertaken.

Current BLM guidance only allows a notice to remain in an unbonded status for a maximum of two years after acknowledgement of the notice. As there are no provisions for extending an unbonded notice beyond the initial two-year period, your notice expired under 43 CFR 3809.332, effective April 2016. You are no longer authorized to proceed with the proposed notice work under the expired notice. Should you wish to re-authorize the project, it would be necessary for you to re-apply for a new notice, complete the treatment plan and post the necessary bond before beginning project work.

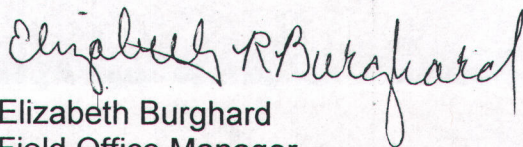
If you are adversely affected by this decision, you may request that the Utah BLM State Director review this decision. If you request a State Director Review, the request must be received in the Utah BLM State Office at P.O. Box 45155-0155, Salt Lake City, Utah 84145-0155, no later than 30 calendar days after you receive or have been notified of this decision. The request for State Director Review must be filed in accordance with the provisions in 43 CFR 3809.805. This decision will remain in effect while the State Director Review is pending, unless a stay is granted by the State Director. If you request a stay, you have the burden of proof to demonstrate that a stay should be granted.

If the State Director does not make a decision on your request for review of this decision within 21 days of receipt of the request, you should consider the request declined and you may appeal this decision to the Interior Board of Land Appeals (IBLA). You may contact the Utah BLM State Office to determine when BLM received the request for State Director Review. You have 30 days from the end of the 21-day period in which to file your Notice of Appeal at this office: BLM Cedar City Field Office, 176 East DL Sargent Drive, Cedar City, UT 84721 from which we will forward your appeal to the IBLA.

If you wish to bypass a State Director Review, this decision may be appealed directly to the IBLA in accordance with the regulations at 43 CFR 3809.801(a)(1). Your Notice of Appeal must be filed at BLM Cedar City Field Office, 176 East DL Sargent Drive, Cedar City, UT 84721 within 30 days from receipt of this decision. As the appellant, you have the burden of showing that the decision appealed from is in error. Enclosed is BLM Form 1842-1, which contains information on taking appeals to the IBLA.

This decision will remain in effect while the IBLA reviews the case, unless a stay is granted by the IBLA. If you request a stay, you have the burden of proof to demonstrate that a stay should be granted.

Sincerely,



Elizabeth Burghard
Field Office Manager

Enclosure: BLM Form 1842-1

cc: Peter Brinton, DOGM (White Mine Project, S/001/0081)
Opie Abeyta, UT-923